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1. This afternoon I called on Mr. Blandford, who had been out of town during the holidays, to bring him up-to-date on recent developments including the following:

- a. SS-9 developments.
- b. Family of Soviet tactical fighters for use on short airstrips.
- c. New Soviet radar network covering northern defenses.
- d. Operational training for Foxbat fighter.
- e. New Soviet headquarters in Mongolia.
- f. Sino-Soviet relations.
- g. Possible North Vietnamese movement of heavy artillery into northern Laos.
- h. Egyptian troops in Libya.

2. Mr. Blandford said he would like to have figures comparing our previous (a year ago) and current estimates of future SS-9 deployment, which I said I would provide.

3. Mr. Blandford also said



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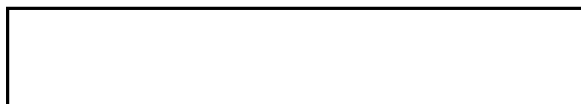
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c. The Committee was interested in arms purchases on a worldwide basis, and would like us to do a "round-up" on this subject.

d. The Committee would be interested in our assessment of the effects of the Vice President's visits to foreign countries.

4. Mr. Blandford indicated that Chairman Rivers would probably call an early meeting of the Agency Subcommittee for a general briefing by the Director. He said the above subjects might come up on that occasion, but he, Blandford, would like to hear from us in the meantime.



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